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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The present Response is filed in regard to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 14, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has mistakenly restricted claims 1-14 into 10 groups. Group I contains claims 1-3 (in part) drawn to AA being pyrimidinyl, classified in class 544, subclass 242. Group II contains claims 1-3 (in part) drawn to AA being quinolinyl and isoquinolinyl, classified in class 546, subclass 139 and 152. Group III contains claims 1-3 (in part) drawn to AA being pyridinyl, classified in class 546, subclass 314. Group IV contains claims 1-3 (in part) drawn to AA being oxazolyl and isoxazolyl, classified in class 548, subclass 215 and 240. Group V contains claims 1-3 (in part) drawn to AA being thioazolyl, classified in class 548, subclass 146

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and 206. Group VI contains claims 1-4 (in part) and 8-14, drawn to AA being indolyl, classified in class 548 and subclass 469. Group VII contains claims 1-3 (in part) drawn to AA being pyrrolyl and furyl, classified in class 548, subclass 530 and in class 549, subclass 429. Group VIII contains claims 1-7 (in part) drawn to AA being phenyl, naphthyl and biphenyl (no heteroatom in the ring), classified in class 568, subclass various. Group IX contains claims 1-3 (in part) drawn to AA being alkenyl or alkynyl (no ring), classified in class various, subclass various. Group X contains claims 1-3 (in part) drawn to AA being others (Groups that do not fall into Groups I-IX), classified in class various, subclass various.

Solely to comply with the present restriction, Applicant elects Group VI (AA = indolyl), containing claims 1-4 (in part) and 8-14, with traverse.

In substantiating a proper restriction of the claims in an application, the Office Action must satisfy two criteria. First, the Office Action must show that the application claims independent or distinct inventions. Second, the Office Action must show that examining all claimed invention in a single application would constitute a serious burden. M.P.E.P. §803. Applicant respectfully asserts that the Office Action has not satisfied the criteria for substantiating a proper restriction of the claims.

Specifically, the Office Action has not shown that conducting a prior art search for claims 1-14 would constitute a serious burden. And, in fact, conducting a prior art search for these claims would not constitute a serious burden to the Office. As the claims clearly recite, the present invention provides a process of converting a dihalomethyl compounds to an aldehyde. A prior art search for the conversion of a dihalomethyl compound to an aldehyde is a straight forward search, and the Office has the resource to conduct this search without burden.

Further, Applicant respectfully reminds the Office that the Office cannot refuse to examine that which applicants regard as their invention, unless the subject matter in a claim lacks unity of invention.<sup>1</sup> The USPTO defines unity of invention as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> The Court of Customs and Patent Appeals ("CCPA") held in *In re Weber*, 580 F.2d 455, 458-49, 198 U.S.P.Q. 328, 331-332.

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Broadly, the unity of invention exists where compounds included within a Markush group

- (1) share a common utility, and
- (2) share a substantial structural feature disclosed as being essential to that utility.

MPEP §803.02 (citing *In re Harnish*, 631 F.2d 716, 206 USPQ2d 1059 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1984)).<sup>2</sup>

The present restriction of the claims into ten Groups is improper for at least the reason that such restriction amounts to refusing to examine claim 2, which recites a Markush group containing dihalomethyl compounds (and which correspond to the various dihalomethyl compounds identified by the Office in the ten restricted Groups).

Clearly, the subject matter in claim 2 has both unity of invention, and a shared structural feature. Specifically, all the dihalomethyl compounds recited in the Markush group share the common utility of being used as a reagent for forming an aldehyde, and also possess the shared structural feature that is essential to the utility (the dihalomethyl group from which the aldehyde is formed). Since the subject matter in claim 2 has unity of invention, the subject matter of the Markush group should be examined together in this application. The present restriction into ten Groups is therefore improper, and amounts to a refusal to examine claim 2 in its entirety. Thus, the Office should withdraw the restriction requirement and examine all the claims.

Should the Office persist in the present restriction, Applicant respectfully requests supervisory review of the restriction.

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(CCPA 1978), that the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") cannot require an applicant to divide up the embodiments of a single Markush claim. The invention in *Weber* was related to cyclic diamine derivatives possessing a common psychotherapeutic property and identified by a single generic formula expressed in Markush format. The examiner found that the main claim embraced 24 enumerated independent and distinct inventions. The examiner sought to divide the claim by rejecting it as an improper Markush claim and under 35 USC §121 for misjoinder. The court viewed the rejection as tantamount to a refusal to examine the claims. 35 U.S.C. §121 gives the USPTO authority to restrict between claims of an application reciting one or more independent and distinct inventions. *In re Weber*, 580 F.2d at 458, 198 USPQ at 331-332. It does not, however, provide authority to reject a claim on that basis, with the idea of requiring an applicant to break up the claim and present it in several applications. *Id.*, 198 USPQ at 332. An applicant has a statutory right to claim an invention as he sees fit. *Id.*

<sup>2</sup> The Markush claims in *Harnish* defined certain compounds having a single structural similarity (a single core structure called a "coumarin group") and possessing the same unity as dyestuffs. In holding that unity of invention existed for these claims, the CCPA found that these two properties (the single structural similarity and single utility) sufficiently circumscribed a genus of a single invention. *In re Harnish*, 631 F.2d at 722, 206 USPQ at 305.

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Applicants submit that the present response is complete and complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121. In addition, Applicants submit that claims 1-14 must be considered in the present application without restriction.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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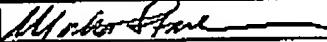
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## Fee Description

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## Small Entity

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Multiple dependent claims

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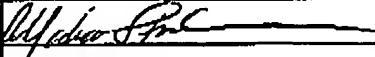
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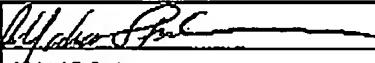
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